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ROMINGER WELL REPORTED IN SAND

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OIL STANDING 700 FEET IN TEST HOLE

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ROMINGER STANDING 2,400 FEET IN OIL THURSDAY EVENING.

As Messenger goes to press this (Thursday) night report comes that a number of Texas Company officials, in company with Mr. Chase, manager of the Rominger well, visited the well, and an examination showed that the oil in the hole was standing 2,400 feet. The report further says that when the Texas Company officials saw the depth of the oil measured, immediately instructed the company's engineer to survey out a line for pipe-line connections with the well.

The Rominger well, five miles west of Bridgeport, promises to be the first big producer brought in in the Wise county field, if reports, seemingly authentic, are verified when the well is uncapped and the drill put back to work. Various estimates are being made as to the capacity of the well, some of them running as high as three thousand barrels, but as all these estimates are speculative, nothing definite can be given at this time on what the well will produce. Thousands of people from all parts of Wise county and adjoining counties have visited the Rominger since it was reported giving up oil Saturday morning. A number of oil "scouts" from other Texas fields are daily going to the well, and it is their opinion that the Rominger will be one of the biggest and best producers in this section of the country. Samples of the output are to be seen on every hand in almost every town and village in the county, and the people have been aroused to a high state of enthusiasm over the findings. Sunday, following the day the report gained currency, the public road leading from Bridgeport to the well, was lined with automobiles, and it is said that not less than one thousand automobiles were driven through the gate of the pasture in which the well is located.

The well showed a strong gas pressure early Saturday morning, and after the driller had sent the bit into the shale about three feet he brought up the drill and noticed a quantity of oil on it. He then bailed and brought up the bailer full of oil. Three bailings were made and each time the oil filled the large bucket. The well was then closed down and word sent to Bridgeport to the other driller to come out. The word was telephoned to Mr. Jennings, connected with the Rominger company, and he, in company with the driller, went to the well. The bailer was again sent down and several bailings were made, and while drawing the bailer up it was discovered that the oil had risen in the hole about three hundred feet. In three hours, state Mr. Chase, manager of the well, who was in Newcastle. Upon the arrival of Mr. Chase Sunday morning, it was decided to go cautiously about bringing in the well, as several hundred feet of the hole has no casing, and to avoid a bridge, should the drill be put back in the hole, it was decided to put in casing, which has been supplied by the Texas Company at Wichita Falls, after the company's scouts have made a close examination of the possibilities of the well.

Tuesday morning the boiler was removed and everything is being put in shape for drilling in the well. A controller has been secured from the Carey Company's well, southwest of Decatur. The well will be drilled in today or tomorrow if the casing has been put down by that time.

The Rominger well is attracting oil men from all parts of the state. It is freely predicted that it will be the best well discovered in North or Northwest Texas. The oil taken from the well tested 42 gravity, a superior

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GOOD ROADS MEET ATTRACTS CROWD

Bridgeport Entertains Representatives at Important Gathering--New Highway

A very enthusiastic good roads meeting was held at Bridgeport last Tuesday afternoon which was attended by large delegations from Park Spring, Chico, Decatur, Paradise, Cottondale and Bridgeport. The object of the meeting was the furthering the plans to construct the Throckmorton highway west from Decatur to Bridgeport, by way of Chico and on to the county line on the west; also the construction of a highway from Park Springs south along the Rock Island railway to Paradise and on to Cottondale on the south.

The attendance was representative of each community and all in attendance were enthusiastic about the project. The meeting was called to order in the city hall auditorium by Chairman Louis Kirkpatrick of Bridgeport, with Jim Bowlin as secretary. After stating the object of the meeting, the chairman called for committee reports. Lee Morris of Chico, spoke for the committee which had been appointed at a previous meeting to establish a proposed route for a north and south highway along the west side of the county. He outlined the route decided upon as beginning at the north line of the county at Park Springs and running south along the east side of the track of the Rock Island by way of Chico, Bridgeport, Paradise and Cottondale and on to the county line on the south. Mr. Morris also told of the Throckmorton highway which has been designated by the state highway commission, which runs through the county east and west from Decatur to Bridgeport and on to Jacksboro. He outlined the plan of action decided on by the committee which was to take up the matter of building the highway from Decatur to Bridgeport, and suggested that an effort be made to divert this route from Bridgeport by way of Chico and on to the county line to the west because of the handicaps encountered should the road be constructed straight west by way of Jim Ned, and also because of the accessibility of material and ease of construction should the road be built by way of Chico. Mr. Morris stated that he believed should this plan be followed and bonds voted for the work that government aid could be secured on the north and south ends of the Park Springs and Cottondale routes as lateral routes.

Mr. Kirkpatrick read a letter from the state highway department which told of the designation of the Throckmorton route, but said that the state department would doubtless refuse aid to a north and south road which paralleled the Meridian highway.

Commissioner St. Clair of Decatur was called upon, and responded by discussing the possibility of building the road from Decatur to Sandy creek. He stated that the Meridian district ran three miles west of Decatur, and that the new proposed district could not overlap the Meridian district. He also told of a previous effort started by the people living between Decatur and Bridgeport to get up a bond issue to construct a highway between the two towns. He said the people at that time were anxious to vote the bonds, but it was found that the two districts could not overlap, which left a gap of three miles on the Decatur end, so the matter was dropped. Mr. St. Clair offered his hearty support to the propositions before the meeting, and closed by telling the audience that there were three plans which had been used to build roads: 1st, by criticising the commissioners; 2nd, by voting a special tax; 3rd, by voting bonds; and he gave his opinion that the last named was the only practical way to build a road.

Senator Guinn Williams responded to calls for a speech by saying he was willing to do anything to help get good roads, and was in sympathy with the present movement. He said he would help carry out the plans of the meeting. He stated that should the people of the western part of the county decide to build their part of the road, they could depend on the section east of Sandy doing its part in the matter.

The meeting decided to send a delegation of three to Austin next Monday to place before the state highway commission the proposition of diverting the Throckmorton highway from Bridgeport to Chico, and to endeavor to secure promise of aid



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Farm Loans

On sandy or black land farms. I am now prepared to close up loan contracts without delays on Wise county farm lands either sandy or black land—double option for the payment of your loans.

S. A. Lillard, Jr

—Office in City National Bank—

on the lateral roads running into the highway from Cottondale and Park Springs. Senator Williams of Decatur, Louis Kirkpatrick of Bridgeport and Lee Morris of Chico were elected as this committee.

A committee of three from each town represented was appointed to prepare data, maps and all needed information necessary to place before the highway commission at Austin. The committee was as follows: Park Springs, R. L. Taylor, Jerry McKay, Tom Richmond; Chico, Lee Morris, Jake Robinson, J. C. Barnhill; Decatur, E. P. Gibson, W. P.

Thurmond, T. L. St. Clair; Bridgeport, Jim Bowlin, Will Simpson, Gus Funk; Paradise, L. L. Burris, Oscar Hartsell, Lon Clark; Cottondale, Will Gilley, W. A. Nix, Will Cleveland. This committee held a meeting after adjournment of the regular session and devised plans for securing the needed information.

The following finance committee was appointed to secure funds to defray the expenses of securing data, the trip to Austin and other necessary expenses in carrying out the

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More Ice for Your Money

Better Treatment of Customers

I am preparing to open my ice house about April 1. I solicit the trade of the people, promising full weight and the best of service. Will sell in any quantity—from five cents to fifty dollars.

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ROOMING HOUSE—Hot or cold time, everything furnished. McDaniel Rooming, 111 Trinity Street. (11)

LEE—The champion saddle, will make the season at West Main street wagon yard. GOODNER BROS. (11)

AK FILMS developed free; prints 3 cents. They can't be made better. Quick service. Send cash for films. HOKF FLYMELL, Paradise, Texas. (12)

WANTED

ROOMERS WANTED—Nice furnished rooms; reasonable rates; day or week. MRS. J. I. McDANIEL, So. Trinity Street. (11)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—White Mammoth Pekin duck eggs for hatchings; pure bred; \$2.00 for setting of 13. MRS. GEO. W. SHORT, Ind. Phone, Route 2, Decatur. (12)

FOR SALE—My dwelling in South-west Decatur. BEN WATKINS, Decatur. (14)

FOR SALE CHEAP—One light open buggy. See or write H. AUSTIN, Decatur, Route 8. (11)

FOR SALE—Good Jersey cows, giving milk. IRA MALEY. (10)

FROST PROOF CABBAGE PLANTS—We have millions of the finest open field grown plants ready now. Early Jersey, Charleston Wakefields, Flat Dutch. Parcel post paid, 300, \$1.00; 500, \$1.50; 100, \$2.50. Express: 2000, \$3.50; 5000, \$7.50; 10,000, \$12.50. Send for price list of sweet potato and tomato plants. PARKER FARMS, Moultrie, Georgia. (14)

FOR SALE—Seed peanuts, \$1.00 per bushel. W. M. WORKMAN, country farm, route 1. (11)

FOR SALE—First-class Jersey milk cow; just in prime. Will sell reasonably for cash or on installments. CHAS DAVIS, Decatur. (11)

OLD TRUSTY incubator for sale; bargain. Call at Messenger office, Decatur. (12)

FOR SALE—Half-and-Half cotton seed; made 1-2 bale per acre last year. \$1.00 per bushel. G. W. TRUSSELL, Boyd, Texas. (15)

TOMATO PLANTS—Varieties—McGhee, early; Dwarf Champion (tree). Forty cents per one hundred, delivered. Ready from April 15th on; should not be planted before. Orders may be sent now; early orders facilitate early deliveries. CLIFF CATES, Route No. 5, Decatur, Texas. (11)

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One black mammoth jack; also Hambletonian stallion. Will sell cheap, or trade for livestock. W. C. HODGES, Decatur, Texas, Rte. 2. (11)

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One pair good work mules; 8 years old; good condition; will sell reasonably or trade for good Ford. HALE BELEW, Turner repair shop building. (10)

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Five-room house; close in. BOYD & SONS. (11)

FOR RENT—Four-room house; close in. See or write R. J. BAUGH, Rt. 8, Decatur, Texas. (11)

TO TRADE

FOR TRADE—New rubber tire buggy and harness; also young mare; will trade for cattle. GRANGER BIEWETT, Decatur, Texas. (10)

LOST

WILL the lady who found the brown glove at the American Cafe Monday, please leave same at the Messenger office and receive reward? (11)

LOST—In Decatur, between Brock Roach's residence and the Goodner Wagon Yard, one pair of boy's brown shoes and black stockings. Finder return to postoffice and receive reward. W. W. BROWN. (11)

LOST—Ladies' black, leather handbag, contained gold watch chain and between \$2.50 and \$4.00. Lost Tuesday between Mississippi store and meat market. Reward. Return to MISSISSIPPI STORE. (11)

EGGS FOR HATCHING—From pure bred White Plymouth Rock Fishel strain—\$3.00 for 15; White Ivory strain Plymouth Rocks—\$2.50 for 15. SILAS MORRIS, West Main St., Decatur. (17)

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LOCAL NEWS

Bob Caraway was in Fort Worth Monday.

A. T. Franks was here Monday from Paradise.

J. A. Simpson left Wednesday for a trip to Waco.

E. L. Brandenburg went to Henrietta Tuesday.

Miss Anna Morrow is visiting relatives in Longview.

Dave Milton was in Oklahoma on business this week.

"Pinkie" Blankenship is on a visit to friends in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Hoyt were in Bridgeport Tuesday.

Mrs. M. H. Belew was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

J. W. Murphy was here last Wednesday from Cleburne.

Senator Tom Perkins was here Tuesday from McKinney.

Tal Lively of Tahoka, is here this week visiting relatives.

Mrs. George Roach is visiting home folks in Weatherford.

Dr. L. H. Reeves will return from New Orleans tomorrow.

Attorney Dennis P. Ratliff made a trip to Bomarton this week.

Paul Harding was here the first of the week from Austin.

Capt. Tom Milligan of Ft. Worth, was in the city Tuesday.

Misses Electra and Buggy Pickett were here this week from Alvord.

Senator Guinn Williams was in Bridgeport on business Tuesday.

J. H. Chihholm was in Wichita Falls several days this week.

G. W. Davis and family will move to the Mann house on West Main.

Dr. Cade Standley was here several days from Frederick, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Jordon of Nocona, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dodson.

Mrs. A. Lockey of Corsicana, is visiting the family of Jno. Lambert.

Julian Stepp left Tuesday for Graham, where he has accepted a position.

Miss Alma Dallas has returned from attending a business college in Dallas.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Patter, on Monday, March 14, 1921, a son.

While they last—best grade York hams—20c the yard.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Sam Carl is preparing to build a new and modern bungalow in South Decatur.

Jack Ogle is making valuable improvements to his home in Southeast Decatur.

Miss Kathrine Maxwell of Denton Normal, visited Mrs. Walter S. Harding this week.

Harry Fields, a former Decatur boy, has been here this week from Frankston.

Mrs. T. J. Dillehay has returned from a visit to relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alexander of Fort Worth, have been visiting here this week.

Mrs. Ed Kelley of Fort Worth, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thurmond.

Pillow case laces up to five inches wide—Saturday special—15c a yard.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mrs. Word Payne of Sherman, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Oma Cartwright.

Mrs. Luke Hardy of Bridgeport, has this week been the guest of Decatur relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bell of Fort Worth, were this week the guests of Miss Bess Coleman.

Mrs. W. L. Rush has returned from a visit with Mrs. Frank Timberlake in Wichita Falls.

Don't overlook those specials we are giving you every Saturday.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Henry Mason returned Monday from Fort Worth, and is rapidly improving from a recent operation.

A regular 50c 42x36 pillow case—out Saturday special, three for \$1.00.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mrs. C. B. Simmons and daughter, Miss Frances, of Fort Worth, have been visiting Mrs. J. W. Hogg.

Dave Dickson and wife are here this week preparing to move their household goods to Breckenridge.

Miss Edna Tyler is having a pergola constructed on the north side of her residence on South Trinity.

Mrs. M. A. Bland has returned to her home in Aledo, after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Simpson.

Misses Clara Belew and Juliett Pope of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, visited Miss Belew's home here Sunday.

Cheap as you can buy the goods—three pillow cases for \$1.00—Saturday only.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Mr. Con Cronine, oil field construction worker, has been in the city this week from Wichita Falls, visiting his friend, Captain H. E. Brady.

If you have scalp trouble, go to Roe Shoemaker's shop, where you will find treatment which will remedy the trouble.

Remember the entertainment at the high school auditorium on the night of April 1; benefit of the playground fund.

You know forty-two hundred feet it not far to go for oil; we went that many miles to select that Easter outfit for you!—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Senator Guinn Williams and his secretary, Dennis Ratliff, returned Sunday from attending the session of the legislature at Austin.

On last Saturday Hinkle & Tucker bought 7,560 eggs, 2100 pounds of milk, and 240 pounds of cream, which goes to prove that people in Decatur territory are "getting by."

Lev Sellars was up from Waco this week. From all reports, Lev has been doing some good work with the Barton Company in the oil fields.

After resigning her place as teacher of the Crafton school, Miss Gladys Splawn is at home preparing to enter Baylor University at Waco for the spring term.

An examination will be held at the Decatur postoffice on April 9th to fill the vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Slidell. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the Slidell postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helm and daughter and Miss Addie Ham-bright will return from San Antonio about the first of April. The many friends of these good people will be glad to see them home.

Ladies, you should not fail to attend the special sale of millinery at the Melton Parlors tomorrow, Saturday. You will find the newest and prettiest things in the season's millinery at bargain prices.

L. D. Ratliff from Decatur Camp W. O. W., and Marion Muncy of the Slidell camp, returned Saturday from attending the state convention of the Woodmen of the World at Houston.

Mrs. J. M. Hill has returned from a stay with her daughter, Mrs. Loy B. Clark, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. Clark is improving in health, but will remain in Hot Springs for some weeks.

The barn of Ernest Gilliland, north of town, was struck by lightning last Sunday afternoon and the building and contents were burned. 150 bales of hay and 100 bushels of corn were lost. No insurance was carried.

Harry Hart, one of the leading fine-stock raisers of Oklahoma, was here from Okmulgee the past week. Harry is an old Decatur boy and his many friends here are glad to know of his splendid success.

An extra good buy in hair and sash ribbons—our Saturday's special—39c the yard.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Miss Nettie McCormack, who for some time has been in the employ of the Perkins-Timberlake store here, has accepted a place with that company at Bowie. She left this week to take up her new position.

The Melton millinery parlor has announced a very special pre-Easter sale for tomorrow, Saturday, March 19th. You will find many splendid bargains in the very newest styles in millinery.

H. W. Barton was here this week from Waco. He reports that his command ready to drill in. He left yesterday for Waco to superintend the drilling in of the wells. When these wells are completed, the company will have four wells on the pump.

The pupils of Mrs. Jay Ingram, instructor of piano at the high school, will be presented in a recital at the high school auditorium tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the recital. Those who will take part in the program are: Maxine Christian, Rachel Field, Mary Gose, Catherine Lewis, Lois Breedlove, Dorothy Patterson, Elizabeth Haper, Isabelle Hunt, Mary Lillard, Jessie Lee Samsey, Imogene Moore, Ita Smith, Enmodine Belew, Gladys Pettys, Christine Henderson, Louise Williams, and Arthur Brady.

FEED STORE AND WAGON YARD

I have again taken charge of the O. K. Wagon Yard on East Main street, and invite my old customers and the public to call on me.

I have a complete line of feed and can save you money on any kind of feed stuff. A trial will convince you. GEO. FOSTER.

TO BUILDERS!

Bids will be received by the city council at Decatur, Texas, until four o'clock Friday, April 8, 1920, for the purchase of the old fire hall, as it stands or torn down, to suit.

Deliver or mail all bids to R. L. Thompson, Decatur, Texas.

The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

S. T. LILLARD, Mayor Pro-Tem.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that a general election will be held in the city of Decatur on the first Tuesday in April, 1921, the same being the 5th day of April, for the purpose of electing a mayor, city attorney, and three aldermen, one aldermen from each of wards one, two, and three. Said election will be held in the court house, and the polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

By order of S. T. LILLARD, Mayor Pro Tem. Attest—R. L. THOMPSON, Secretary.

He kissed her on the cheek. It seemed a harmless frolic: He's been laid up for a week. They say, with painter's colic.

A Big Oil Well

Is a fine thing to have, but we have no oil well—we specialize in handling staple and fancy groceries. We sell them for cash. We sell every article with only a small profit added to its cost. We sell nothing below cost as a leader to bait you with.

That little boy or girl of yours can buy from us as cheaply as you can; our dealings are fair and square!

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BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index.)

The frost Thursday morning nipped tender vegetation to some extent, but it is generally believed that the fruit crop was not injured to any appreciable extent.

An election has been called to be held at the city hall on Tuesday, April 5th, for the election of a mayor to fill the unexpired term of Henry B. Mason, resigned.

Buck Riley boasts of the largest hen's egg in the country—laid by a black Minorca hen at his home here. The egg measures four and one-half by nine inches. Who can beat it?

Since the Methodist church has been repapered and new electric light fixtures installed the interior of the building presents a most pleasing and attractive appearance, and it will compare favorably with any church edifice in the county.

The seasons, in conformity with other things, are getting back to normalcy. For the past two or three years spring has been four or five weeks late in arriving and this year it looks like it used to "before the war." Farmers are all busy planting their crops and are looking forward hopefully to a bountiful harvest.

An obstreperous Mexican was arrested Monday morning by Deputy Sheriff Riley on a charge of pistol toting. He was landed in the city jail until bond was furnished. Shortly after his release he ran up against a ham-like fist wielded by Cy Clay and was almost put out of commission.

E. T. Kemp, county agricultural agent, was in Bridgeport Tuesday conferring with farmers and business men with a view of organizing a Producing and Marketing Association at this place. Mr. Kemp says each town in the county is being organized and that everyone will be benefitted as a result, for that which benefits the farmer will also help each individual in the county. The purpose is to ascertain just what and how many acres each farmer will plant to each crop and to have a market ready for his products when he is ready to sell. A competent man will be engaged at each shipping point to properly classify the produce and to see that it is loaded in cars in the right manner.

The Fort Worth & Denver Railway Company, from its headquarters in Fort Worth, has announced a reduction in operating expenses all along the line. Salaries of employees are to be cut, etc., and the latest move in the campaign for a reduction in the cost of running the company's affairs is a request from the Fort Worth offices to the Decatur scavenger, Parson Brooks, to reduce his price of fifty cents for looking after the sanitary condition of the passenger privy. This demand on Brooks follows the announcement of the railway company that passenger and freight rates have been raised. This campaign of "economy" on the part of the railway company is interesting, to say the least.

"The Microbe of Love" at high school auditorium Friday night, April 1. Benefit of high school playground fund!

STOP THAT ITCHING.

Use Blue Star Eczema Remedy for itch, cracked hands, tetter, eczema, ring worm, and sores on children. Sold on a guarantee of Gunn's Drug Store. Star Products Company, Cameron, Texas. (19)

Splendid feature films at the Majestic every night. If you are not attending, you are missing some first-class entertainment.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The state of Texas, County of Wise, In probate court. The state of Texas, To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for ten consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of Mrs. Addie E. Griffith, deceased. G. W. Griffith has filed in the county court of Wise county, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said Mrs. Addie E. Griffith, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of Mrs. Eddie E. Griffith, deceased, as provided for in said will, which said proceeding will be heard by said court on the fourth day of April, 1921, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said proceeding, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Decatur, Texas, this seventeenth day of March, 1921.—CARL FAITH, Clerk, County Court, Wise County, Texas. (3-18-25)

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New Easter Finery

BLOUSES

Blouses in crepe de chine and georgettes of newest shades and designs—\$3.50 to \$5.95.

Hand made handkerchief linen blouses trimmed in dainty ecru edge at—\$3.50 to \$5.00.

LINGERIE

Dainty silk crepe teddy bears, gowns, and corset covers, reasonably priced at—\$1.95 to \$11.95.

HOSIERY

Phoenix and Cadet silk hosiery, all the newest shades in browns, grays, and blacks, at—\$1.95 to \$3.95.

SANDALS

A new and pretty one-strap sandal in the high and Baby Louise heel in browns and blacks at—\$5.00 to \$8.00.

OXFORDS

The newest oxfords in browns and blacks, with military heels at—\$5.00 to \$8.00.

Spring Garments

Manufacturers have contributed their best fabrics—designers have given their keenest ingenuity—and tailors have used their utmost skill, in producing this interesting display of new spring wear.

We welcome you to view this display, knowing that in the many models shown you will see several that will gain your approval.

It is a collection of wonderfully attractive and unusual modes that represent in a splendid manner the latest and best fashions for women.

That the prices are reasonable and values exceptional are only added reasons for coming here before you decide upon your spring wardrobe.

**Ladies' Coat Suit from
\$17.50 to \$52.50**

**Dresses at from
\$17.50 to \$54.50**

Easter Togs for the Men

MEN'S SPRING SUITS
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SEE OUR WINDOW TO THE WEST!

This lot of waists will be on sale at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, March 19. They are worth more, but will sell at choice.....\$3.95
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Friday Morning, March 18, 1921.

THANKS, L. W.

It's a little strain' on the constitution to write locals and ads for two papers, but our health is pretty good, and we guess we can stand it. —Decatur News.

Pretty soft for us, eh, L. W.? Certainly is kind of you to get out a day ahead of the Messenger in order that we may get the news. Saves lots of time and trouble on our part—but if we depended wholly on the News for news, we wouldn't have a shirt-tail full of subscribers inside of two months. When people subscribe for a paper, they want all the news—the big, important events which have to do with the welfare and progress and prosperity of the community; and that's what we try to give them. But you should appreciate the fact that you can glean these big items from the Messenger, even if they are a week or two old when you publish them. But, at any rate, L. W., keep cool—keep cool—the weather is terribly warm these days.

Girl baby in Seattle has just been given the name of Decillion Million. Grandma suggested it; got it out of a book. It sounds rich, all right; but think of having to live up to a name like that.—Pathfinder.

Claiming that the average woman is better able to understand the problems of a delinquent woman than a man, R. E. Crowe, Illinois state attorney, has announced that he is going to appoint several women as his assistants.

While in Bridgeport Sunday noon, a Messenger editor believed saw at least two men who were after entertaining political bees. The editor being one that we have mentioned to keep in mind and not mention ourselves.

There's a town in this oil well country. It's too much like an oil boom town. Suppose we'll have 'em with us unto the end; necessary evils, probably.

It is a strange truth that baffles science that nearly all babies are born with blue eyes. The color changes rapidly so that at the end of three weeks only 75 per cent are blue-eyed, and when they are grown less than 50 per cent have retained the original color of their eyes.

At last, a traffic officer has been appointed. Now, Mr. Speedster it's up to you to obey the law. Deputy Sheriff George Gage will enforce the law as it is written; and there'll be no favorites played. Obey the law or go before Squire Taylor, where you will get what is coming to you.

The town of Bridgeport, west of Decatur, which is east of the sensational Rominger well, immediately took up the burden of an oil boom town. The rolled stocking and abbreviated skirt arrived on the heels of the report that the Rominger was a wonder.

Jack Hamon told his friends that he was going to die. They told him he was mistaken; that they would all go to Palm Beach soon and have another "good time." And, Jack feebly replied: "No, where I'm going there will be palms, but no beaches." Palms? Did he mean trees or fans?

Favoritism has honey-combed the war department in Washington for years. It's old stuff. Back in the Spanish-American war days it was rampant. Funston was rewarded for wading the Bagdad river; we were severely reprimanded for crossing the Rio Grande.

From the evidence produced in the Clara Smith case in Ardmore, we arrive at the conclusion that Jacob L. was "some" lady's man and a stepper of the first rank. Clara admitted she was a mover of considerable speed. An unlimited supply of money and liquor finally threw their cards on the table, face up. The old, age old story, with the same old results.

"If it's true," remarked a pioneer in the old Waggoner pasture, west of Bridgeport, "I'll never eat another pound of corn beef and cabbage." As the stars twinkled at the man in the moon, the pioneer spit at a dying ember in the drift-wood fire and saw his diamond-studded hand deftly guiding the steering wheel of a seven-passenger Cadillac through his herd of snow-faced cattle. (George, a little of the co'n and water.)

True, only a few of the patriotic women of the Delightful Town exercised their constitutional prerogative of equipping themselves with the permit to participate in the pleasurable past-time of playing politics, yet, we believe that a sufficient number of princely patriots of the persuasion will join up in the crusade to bring about an interest-

ing race for the lady, or ladies, who would aspire to the position, or place, of school trustee. The danger of a lady on the board interfering, or halting, the great strides being made by the board will not appreciably affect any considerable number of voters in their balloting, we opine.

Diamonds and duds, but don't forget the poor devils who have consistently refused to accept the preachments of the Messenger to come to Wonderful Wise, the biggest and best oil field between the sun-kissed peak of James-Ned and the limpid waters of Denton creek. While smilingly meeting the prices asked for high powered limousines and low gravity liquor, let us not forget the ragged remnants that are to be with us always, even unto the last day in the morning. Lest we forget! (A little music, professor.)

A numerous signed petition directed to President Harding has been prepared during the past week endorsing Chas. Bradford for the position of postmaster at Decatur. Messenger editors gladly signed the petition, and in addition we wish to say that no better man than Bradford could be found for the place. He is capable of giving the best of service to the patrons of the office, and he always contributes to the plan of giving the other fellow a square deal. His reputation is unquestioned, and should be he selected, the appointment will prove one of the most popular of the many postmasters Decatur has had.

Several months ago the North Texas Gas Company held up Decatur people for an increase of fifty per cent in the rate. At the same time they tacked a charge of fifty cents per month for reading the meter. The rate raise was bad enough, but insult to injury was added when the patron has to hire his meter read. It takes the employ of the gas company about thirty seconds to read the meter, and about two minutes to get from one meter to the next. That's not highway robbery—becu they do not use a gun in taking the money. When the city was the out of its long-time contract, the gas company which guaranteed with the city cent rate for a number of years to defend themselves, they used all power to just take the money without the mote it was their recourse whatever. So be it—amen.

Through the efforts of the penitentiary investigating committee, of which Senator Guinn Williams is the chairman, a joint resolution was passed by both houses last Saturday to submit to the people on July 23 a proposition to change the management of the penitentiary system. The vote of the legislature was almost unanimous, only two votes being registered against the resolution. It is high time the people of Texas was making a change in the management of the state's penal institutions. The miserable treatment of the unfortunates accl for a change; the high-handed graft that is going on under the present system is enough to cause every right-thinking man and woman in Texas to rise and demand an honest and just administration of the rules governing the conduct of the prison affairs. Senator Williams and his committee have uncovered stuff in their investigation that smells to high heaven, and it is predicted that when the committee makes its final report to the legislature, the people of Texas will be astounded.

The Woodmen of the World had a stormy session in Houston last week. The ins wanted to stay in and the outs wanted to quit their roosts. The outs were those fellows who are being gouged by a prohibitive rate on insurance, which many of them have been carrying for years, and it appears that the ins are fellows who are better off financially than the outs and can smilingly meet the high rates. Among other complaints are the high moguls of the organization are draining the tills by drawing down fancy salaries, and dishonest methods in conducting the order's business. Mr. Frazer, the high chief and "master mind" of the bunch who has been manipulating the affairs of the lodge for many years, is reported to have accumulated much wealth since taking up the duties of high cockalorum of the Woodmen. The "common herd" in the order, the fellows who have to toil and spin daily, have asked Mr. Frazer to get down and out. Mr. Frazer has refused to give up the office. The courts have been asked to come in and take up a hand in the contest.

Our old friend, Senator Tom Perkins, of McKinney, was here Tuesday. He called on the Messenger. The last time we saw Tom he was making a speech in Greek to a representative gathering of Juarez citizens. That was when the Texas Press association met in El Paso and the immortals of the pencils were being entertained by General Obregon, now president of Mexico. We remember Perkins' speech to have been timely, the hand of the oppressor being weighty on the people of that country at that time, and the speaker's eloquent alliterations on lice, liquor and license (in Greek) were the cause of a rekindling of patriotism among the Mexicans, and it has been said that Obregon took a new lease on life that day (we believe the speech was delivered during the day) and swore by the one-legged eagle on the castus that he would be president of Mexico, aye, though he had to wade through corn carne hip deep. But for the speech of Tom Perkins at Juarez, delivered in the court language of Athens, the land of hairless dogs and hot stuff would today be feverishly bouncing in the slough of despond and decay.

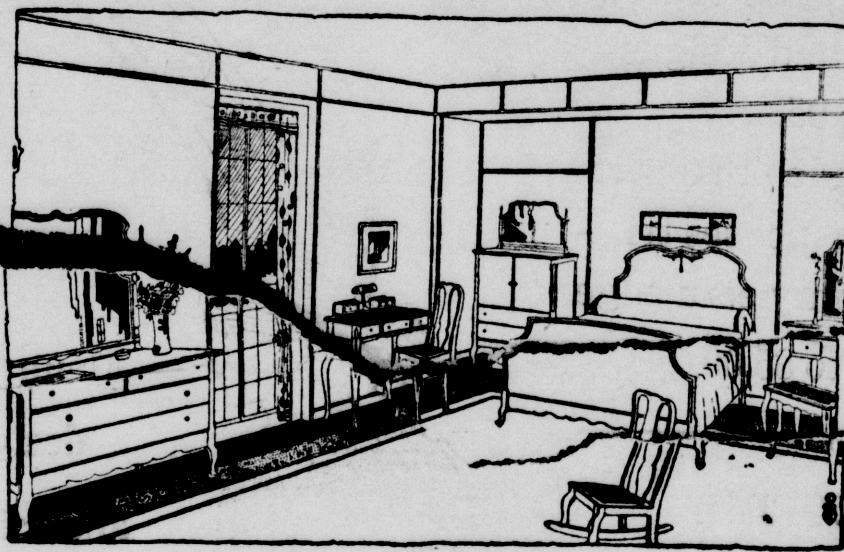
POOR HUMANITY!

Sometimes I think the human race have very little fun; less pleasure than the brutes that chase and gambol in the sun. I'd like to be

Springtime is Housecleaning Time...

—Housecleaning means new curtains, rugs, linoleums, and a new piece of furniture here and there, besides getting rid of the dust.

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ROMINGER WELL IS REPORTED IN SAND

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oil. The hole is 4,300 feet deep. **Keystone Co. Has Meeting.**

At a regular meeting of the Keystone Petroleum Company, held Saturday in the offices of the company in the McMurray-Gettys building, the following officers and trustees were elected: Dave Milton, president; J. H. Cates, secretary; L. J. Crawford and Clois Green, trustees. President Milton, one of the most experienced oil men in the game, went to Electra the first of the week and made arrangements to have casing immediately shipped to the Keystone. The well has been waiting the arrival of casing for several days. The shipment is expected daily.

Burk-Waggoner Drilling.

After several days of inaction, the Carey, southwest of Decatur, resumed drilling Monday. Al Armstrong, one of the best drillers in the field, was called to work by Mr. Carey and the hole is being put down rapidly.

Burk-Waggoner Drilling.

After considerable trouble with water, the Burk-Waggoner, in the hands of Sam Karnes, a veteran oil well driller, is making splendid progress. This well is expected to soon prove up the Decatur field.

Milton Says "It's Here."

Mr. Dave Milton, who is at the head of the Keystone Petroleum Co., is personally looking after the drilling operations on the Keystone well, southeast of Decatur. He is one of the most experienced men operating in the Wise county field, and he says this field promises to be one of the best in the state. Mr. Milton is the man who drilled in the famous Burk-Waggoner well in the Burk-Burnett field, the well that put Bob Waggoner, former Decatur citizen, in the millionaire row.

Hoyl Well Now Drilling.

Lee Morris of Chico, was in the city yesterday, and he reported that the Hoyl well, after being closed down for some time, has resumed work. The Bock-Wilmoth, in the Chico country, is progressing in fine shape, stated Gene Mincey, here first of the week.

DECATUR MEN GET WELL IN ARCHER

The firm of Scott & Gose of this city, composed of John Scott and Steve Gose, last week brought in an oil well on their 640-acre lease in Archer county. While the flow of the well has not been fully tested, it is known to be a 500-barrel well, and when properly cleaned out, it may prove a much greater flow. Messrs. Scott & Gose have been "camping" with the well for the past two weeks, but since the well has been brought in, they have been at home receiving the congratulations of their many friends. The well is the "discovery" well in that section, and means that the value of the acreage held by Scott & Gose and that surrounding it has risen to fabulous heights. These gentlemen have been offered handsome sums for this well and acreage, but they do not care to sell. However, they are disposing of some acreage bordering the section on which the well was discovered. Their holdings have been variously estimated to be worth from one to three million.

The Scott & Gose well is five miles southwest of Holliday, three miles west of Panther field, and seven miles south of the K. M. A. field.

Since the above well has been brought in, acreage owned jointly by Scott & Gose, H. W. Barton, and E. P. Harding has been sold at handsome figures. These men yet have a good amount of acreage in Archer county to dispose of.

BABY CHICKS.

Book your orders now for White Leghorn baby chicks. Best laying strain obtainable; only select birds mated. One or a thousand at ten cents each. **NELSON ENGLISH.**

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RHOME NEWS

Mrs. L. C. Slimp and little son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryant of Slidell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Williams left Sunday for a stay of some length in Glenrose.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Handley and Bob Taylor were Bridgeport and Decatur visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lowance and daughter, Miss Loma, Misses Mary Jo and Gladys Troxell, and Margie Lowance were guests Saturday of C. T. Lowance and family of Sand Hill.

Zack Bobo of Baylor Medical College, Dallas, was home Sunday.

Miss Overa Fox of Decatur, was the week-end guest of Miss Eula Mae Renshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rogers and daughters of Newark, visited W. A. George and family Sunday.

Ed Bryan and J. S. Sparks were in Canyon City on business last week.

Miss Clela Oates of Shuttuck, Oklahoma, is guest of Miss Cora Oates.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wilson, on Saturday, March 12, 1921, a daughter.

Mrs. E. A. Wright, Mrs. J. C. Douglas and Misses Cassie Fry Russell and Midget Wright were in Decatur shopping Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Sullivan has returned from a visit with Mrs. Ralph Jones of Iowa Park.

Mrs. Adams of Park Springs, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Slagle.

Marvin Lehue and Earl Leonard of Fort Worth, visited in Rhome the first of the week.

Horace and Gordon Barker have returned home from Denton Normal.

Joe R. Taylor attended the state convention of Woodmen which met at Houston last week.

Misses Cora and Clela Oates visited friends in Decatur last Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Judice, after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Slimp, has returned to her home in Fort Worth.

Fort Worth visitors from Rhome during stock show are: A. B. Van Meter, R. L. Ferguson, Mrs. W. A. George, Mrs. Kate Harris, Harold Van Meter, Misses Lena Rickman, Velma and Gable Sue Carpenter, Gypsy Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Barker, John Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Gribble and daughter, Miss Josie Wilson, L. C. Slimp, Mrs. W. J. Finlayson, Miss Maggie Svensson.

METHODIST CHURCH

Twenty-five new pupils have enrolled in the Sunday school the last three Sundays, eleven of them last Sunday, a rainy, bad day. This is a mere hint at what we are going to do when real spring opens. By Easter Sunday, which is next Sunday week, every class ought to be doubled. Our great building will accommodate that many more very easily, and the folks are here. That was a splendid league service Mr. Elliott held last Sunday evening, and it will be the same way next Sunday under the leadership of Mr. S. M. Gose, Jr. Don't miss it! You are cordially invited to hear the pastor at both services, beginning promptly at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.—R. C. HICKS, Pastor.

ONE OF THE EXAMINERS.

Some old grouch, whose name is unknown to fortune and to fame, has said there are only seven jokes in the world.

We have made a careful investigation and have discovered the original joke on doctors.

You will find it in the Second Book of The Chronicles, chapter 16 and 12th and 13th verses.

"And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet. * * * Yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians."

"Microbe of Love" April 1st!

GOOD ROADS MEET ATTRACTS CROWD

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plans of the meeting: Park Springs, Sebe Musgroves, W. C. Giles; Chico, W. W. Jones, Ed A. Dickerson; Bridgeport, J. S. McKenzie, P. A. Boaz; Cottondale, W. A. Bridges, Frank Vance; Decatur, S. T. Lillard, W. L. Rush; Paradise, Will Green, Harry Lee. Chico, Bridgeport and Decatur were each asked to subscribe \$50 each, Park Springs, \$25, and Cottondale \$15.

In closing the meeting Chairman Kirkpatrick stated that much talk had been indulged in as the plans had been formulated, but that now the time had come for work, and he urged the committees appointed to get to work in earnest in carrying on the proposition.

From the large delegations present at the meeting, and judging by the enthusiasm manifested, the Messenger believes that this meeting will result in the building of the roads proposed. No roads are so badly needed in the county as these. Mr. Bill Bridges stated that he had been living at Cottondale for 45 years, and had barely been able to get out and back into his own community on account of the bad roads, and he was sure the people of his section would work and vote for the "road."

The following were among those who attended from Decatur: G. S. Blewett, H. M. Helm, L. L. Hoyl, T. J. Dillehay, W. P. Thurmond, Alf Brown, Guinn Williams, Jas. W. Smith, J. L. Gentry, Sill Hardwick, Gus Hughes, E. W. Bass, Harold McCarter, Henry Askey, Tom Mann, Steve Lillard, Jr., B. R. Floyd, Terrell Lillard, W. O. Bailey, Howard Man, John Lambert, Walter Malone, George Gage, H. E. Lobdell, M. B. Smith, Commissioners Hanna, Hartsell, Woody and St. Clair, Ike Yellough.

COLLEGE NEWS

Rev. J. V. Provence was a visitor at the college last Friday. This scholarly gentleman, though old in years was young in ideas, as he showed ready wit, and during his talk he showed the truth of life was to be in highest idealism. Voicing the sentiment of the studybody at large, he was greatly received and the inspiring and encouraging talk was one of the greatest which the Decatur College students have had the opportunity of hearing this scholastic year. He is certainly welcome to return when the time is possible, and he sees fit to speak. There are not many real Biblical scholars who are ranked as his speech indicated.

The third and last term of the college has been started with the usual "pep." Although there are not as many students as there usually are, due to the financial and pecuniary panic which is now prevalent throughout the country, the ones who remain are keeping up their enthusiasm in literary and religious lines all the same.

The Decatur baseball men are seen daily, about twenty in number, out on the D. B. C. athletic field these fine spring afternoons receiving good and wholesome training. A report from the leaders shows that the college is intensively going to develop one of the strongest and best teams she has yet seen in her history.

Games for the college are matched with John Tarleton, Meridian, Denton, and games are being negotiated with Daniel Baker and a few more of the stronger teams of the state. The college team plays the Alvord town team Thursday, March 17. The Alvord team is reported to be in good trim and is also planning for a great season. Therefore, we expect to see a good game with the team Thursday. To create the best of encouragement for the college men to confide in themselves, a large crowd should attend these games and start at the first of the season. Be out to see them off to victory!

BOYD NEWS

B. F. Roe, county superintendent, and the inspector from the state department, Miss Hazzard, visited the Boyd school Monday, and they were very much pleased with the conditions of the school.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lewis, on Saturday, March 12, 1921, a son.

Mrs. Beachamp, who has been quite sick, is better at present.

Mrs. Lybrand and sister, Miss Lula Lumsden, visited their home last Saturday and Sunday at Chico.

Miss Thed Davis has returned home from Denton, on account of the illness of her father.

SYCAMORE NEWS

A very large and attentive crowd attended the entertainment given at the Sycamore high school on last Thursday night, given by the teachers of the school. Refreshments were served to the large number attending. About \$25.00 was raised, which will go toward improving the school.

A very successful session of the Home Church Campaign was held at the Sycamore Baptist church last Friday and Saturday. Large crowds attended all the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Driskell of Decatur, were Sycamore visitors Sunday afternoon.

The recent rains have been of great benefit to the farmers of this community. All the crops, gardens, and orchards are doing nicely.

Neighborly Advice...

SHOULD PUT YOU RIGHT!

Your neighbor who has been buying groceries from us will tell you that **WE WILL ALSO SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR GROCERY BILL.**

Our satisfied customers have been boosting for us, and so our business is growing each week.

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High School Bulletin.

We own a little brindle dog,
Whose given name is Judge;
You cannot "sick him on" a thing;
He will not even budge.

Now when it comes to fighting—
He's right there with the goods;
But if you want to lose him,
Just take him to the woods.

He cannot tree a squirrel;
He will not catch a skunk;
When it comes to chasing rabbits,
He most certainly is "punk."

He will chase one up a hill
And will run him on the level;
And from the racket that he makes,
You'd think he'd treed the devil.

He is good at chasing burglars,
He will make them run and holler.
We would not take a mule for him,
You can bet your bottom dollar.

Locals.

Two months and a half until school is out—and remember, time passes away quickly!

It is almost time for the school boys to hit the swimmin' pools after school.

It has been discovered that there is more than one attack of "love fever" in the school, for instance Frank Lillough, the great orator, is not expected to recover!

The ninth grade may have more parties than the eighth grade, but the members don't get the grades that we do.

The eighth grade pupils came to the word "Ichabod" in the lesson, but no one knew what it meant.

The high school boys are working for money for their baseball suits. Every little bit helps—donate some to the next petition for the high school suits!

Miss Blanche Walker spent the week end at her home.

Gladys Ducan, who has been for the past week enjoying a case of the mumps, is back with us.

Miss Bernice Kerr is entertaining the mumps.

George Hill and Harold Brumley visited homefolks last week end.

Theodore Kendrick brought a magnifying glass Friday to try to find evidence against the person who stole his plug of "Red Ruler" tobacco.

WARNING!

Notice is hereby given to all automobile and motor vehicle owners of Wise county who have not registered their cars or motor vehicles for the year 1921, that they must have their cars registered by midnight of the 23rd day of March, 1921. All cars not being registered by the above date will subject the owner to fine as the law prescribes. This notice is given for the benefit of those who have not had the opportunity to register their cars.

Notice is also hereby given to violators of the traffic law with reference to lights, mufflers, speeding, number plate, and seals in proper place on cars, that the law is to be strictly enforced in all these different phases. Owing to the fact that this county has not heretofore had a traffic officer, and that we do not want to take advantage of anyone, we therefore give you ample time to equip your car and properly place your numbers and seals. These requirements must be complied with March 23, 1921, as law will be strictly enforced after that date. By order of
GEO. GAGE,
County Traffic Officer.

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In Wise County Homes

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NOTICE—WOODMEN OF WORLD!

All Woodmen and ex-Woodmen of the World are urged to attend a meeting on Friday evening at 4 p. m., at the Woodman Hall over the City National Bank in Decatur to hear the report of Sovereign L. D. Ratliff, our delegate to the Hard Camp at Houston, which was recently held. He has something very important to report and you are interested in what he has to say. Make it a business to be there without fail.

T. H. GREEN,
Clerk of Decatur Camp No. 25.

SAW MILL.

I have a saw-mill in operation on the Ratliff place, seven miles west of Decatur; cut and sell any kind of hard-wood lumber, \$2.50 per hundred feet. **NEATNEY & SONS,**
Route 3, Decatur.

LIFE.

Life is a blend of the good and the bad
A bit of the glad and a bit of the sad,
A pinch of contentment, a time of unrest,
A dash of the worst and a lot of the best;
A little of failure, a little of luck,
A bit of disaster and plenty of pluck,
And who would live long must be willing to know
Winter and summer and sunshine and snow.

Life is a mixture of laughter and tears,
Hope and despair are a part of the years,
Some one is born and then somebody dies,
Some one is foolish and some one is wise,
Some one is faulse to us, some one is true,
Now it is play and then tasks we must do,
Who grows to manhood must learn how to take
Joy with its laughter and care with its ache.

Life is a blend of the good and the ill,
And we must bear what shall come by His will:
There must come tears to the brightest of eyes,
Cares visit the rich and the strong and the wise,
No one escapes when the rain pelters down,
Today you may smile, but tomorrow you may frown,
So stand to your portion of sorrow and strife,
And know that it's all in the battle of life.

—Edgar A. Guest.

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"The Microbe of Love" at high school auditorium Friday night, April 1. Benefit of high school playground fund!

YANKEES LIKE WESTERN TALES

Doughboys on the Rhine Show Preference for Stories of Adventure in the West.

JULIUS CAESAR A FAVORITE

Activity of Caesar in Rhine Valley Makes Translations of His Gallic Wars of Interest to Soldiers—Legends Also Popular.

Coblentz.—Tales of adventure in the American West are the favorite reading matter of the American forces in Germany, and Zane Grey is the most popular author.

Strangely enough, Julius Caesar is a close second with the doughboys, who are very keen about translations of Caesar's activities in the Helne valley and the ruins of a bridge built across the Rhine, which lifts Caesar's work out of the schoolbook class and makes it a guidebook that carries the Americans back nearly 2,000 years.

Books which describe the legends centering about the Rhine are also popular, especially with the soldiers who are musically inclined and who attend the Wagnerian performances given by the various German grand opera companies which play in Cologne, Coblentz, Wiesbaden and the other cities near the Rhine frequented by soldiers on leave.

Like Story Magazines.

All-story magazines which specialize in adventures are more popular with the American soldiers than any other periodicals, and the American Library association has been unable to supply the demand for publications of this sort.

With the assistance of the Young Men's Christian association, which aids in the distribution of reading material in the American area, Miss Ala Weyth, who is in charge of the American Library association's reading rooms, has been able to make a general poll of the reading material of the army and finds that foreign residence has been the favorite of the young Americans.

Now, Key the West.

No, the 30,000 books available for are not Jews, French, Belgians and English of the occupied area, and

The 36 American weekly and monthly publications, in addition to a large number of newspapers, have been taken by the organization and circulated through the branch libraries at Andernach and Mayen, as well as at the American base hospital at Coblentz.

Turned Over to Y. M. C. A.

With the beginning of 1921, the American Library association turned its books over to the Y. M. C. A. and is no longer supporting the work.

The main library in Coblentz was formerly a German officers' club and is ideally suited to library purposes. It has a great ballroom, which makes an excellent reading room, and also has sun parlors and large drawing rooms, with many windows. Many Germans have asked for the privilege of using the library, but this has been denied, as the army did not think it advisable. One German told the librarian he had lived many years in America and should really be allowed to have books, because he was an American "in principle."

"Let's Go" Is Foremost Among Slogans of War

Washington.—"Let's go," was the chief battle slogan of the American army in the world war. There were other popular and effective phrases used by the troops—"Where do we go from here?" and "When do we eat?" for instance, but in the opinion of Col. Edward L. Munson, chief of morale, general staff, made public recently, "for everyday use, in rest, or in battle, the slogan 'let's go' stands foremost."

Noisy Geese Give Fire Alarm.

New York.—Two thousand geese, ducks and chickens, awaiting death in a poultry shop, chorused an alarm for fire that caused heavy property loss in eleven retail clothing and food stores in the Bronx.

The unusual squawking awakened county sents of the neighborhood and at George G. a policeman, who telephoned headquarters. The blaze was controlled by firemen after a two-hour

Peculiar by firemen after a two-hour making up their century. Dies at 102.

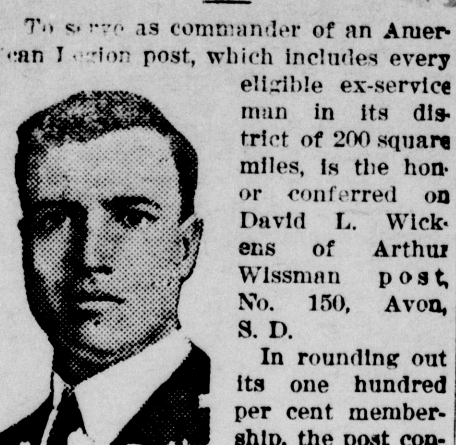
Aaron H. Guzman, reached the age of 102, died at 102, near here. He was a conscientious two days with countrymen and othe gripe.

side to the Cemetery.

We still contend v.—Funeral directors for Governor Neff appealed to Gov. E. time between now and hearses classified session in quiet study of a and not as lems, rather than a hectic of \$2 in making chase ove. Texas.

MESSENGER

Arthur Wissman
Receives Out Its
Cent Membership.



In which the losing side suffered the penalty of serving as kitchen police for a general feast. After the contest the ex-service men not yet enrolled were assigned to individuals until the last man in the territory was signed up.

Members of the post are scattered over a section 20 miles long and 10 miles wide. The post centralizes responsibility by providing that the post officers shall serve as members of the executive committee. It boasts of a first-class Women's auxiliary, an orchestra and basket ball team. Spice is added to the monthly meetings by a permanent entertainment committee which arranges for athletic contests, motion pictures or feasts to wind up the meetings.

CLUBHOUSE IS IN ORDER NOW

Kensington Post at Philadelphia Is Ready for Entertainment of the Boys During Warm Days.

The wind which sweeps up the Delaware these days is hardly indicative of sunshine and roses; yet the mem-



Clubhouse "All Dolled Up."

bers of Kensington Post of the American Legion at Philadelphia have just finished painting their summer clubhouse and have renovated it from top to bottom.

By doing the job themselves, the members of the Pennsylvania post have saved the price of numerous entertainments which are planned for the summer of 1921.

WHAT THEY DO WITH BONUS

Seventy Per Cent of Minneapolis Men Increase or Open New Savings Accounts.

What do ex-service men do with their bonus money received from the various states?

Some persons opposed to handing out cash to the men either by the states or nation, give as their greatest argument that the beneficiaries will squander the money foolishly as soon as they get it.

But the experience of the Wells Dickey Trust company of Minneapolis which firm has been instrumental in advancing \$2,265,000 to ex-service men through special arrangement with the bonus board, completely overturns this conjecture. Figures just compiled by the cashier of the trust company show that of the 3,924 claims handled by the bank for Minneapolis men, 70 per cent of the men increased their own accounts and 26 per cent opened savings accounts at once.

Blasts Hopes of Politicians.

The indorsement of a candidate for political preferment by any organization of the American Legion in Illinois will result in disciplinary action for the offending organization, it was decided at a meeting of the state executive committee of the Legion. The Illinois legionnaires further resolved "that we disapprove the use of the name of the American Legion or of the prestige of office or membership therein by any person for the furtherance of his personal efforts to promote any political candidacy or partisan principles."

Flowers From President Wilson.

A bouquet of flowers from President Wilson was sent every day to Wells Hawks, veteran press agent and commander of S. Rankin Drex Post 340 of the American Legion at New York during his recent illness. Mr. Hawks, while on a visit to Washington, was suddenly taken down with inflammatory rheumatism and removed to George Washington hospital. It was while he was in the Washington hospital that the President, a member of the American Legion, added his "buddy."

Participation in Athletics.

Athletic programs have been developed in a number of state departments of the American Legion. In Indiana and Iowa Legion basketball tournaments are under way, and in Massachusetts, under the leadership of a committee composed of notable Massachusetts athletes, Legion members propose interstate competition in a number of major sports.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Security State Bank
at Decatur, Texas.

At close of business on Feb. 21, 1921

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$106,809 79
Overdrafts.....	666 49
Bonds and stocks.....	12,550 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	12,727 82
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	13,956 12
Interest in Depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,800 00
War Savings Stamps.....	3,475 00
Acceptances and bill of exchange.....	2,148 64
Other resources.....	80 91
TOTAL.....	\$154,214 77

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 60,000 00
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	58,048 96
Time certificates of deposit.....	10,135 31
Cashier's checks.....	55 50
Bills payable and rediscounts.....	10,000 00
Bonds deposited.....	12,500 00
W. S. S. deposited.....	3,475 00
TOTAL.....	\$154,214 77

State of Texas, county of Wise. We, W. L. Rush, as president, and J. E. Standley, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—W. L. RUSH, President. J. E. STANDLEY, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest: F. P. TIMBERLAKE, J. H. ROWAN, G. G. NEILSON, Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, A. D. 1921.—R. L. THOMPSON, Notary Public, Wise County, Texas.

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Use Black Silk Metal Polish for silverware, nickel-ware or brass. It works quickly, easily and leaves a brilliant surface. It has no equal for use on automobiles.

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Fly Time is Here

Come are the days
When the sun warms the sky.
To conserve the public health
We must swat the pesky fly.

The most disagreeable as well as one of the most unhealthful places in the world is a house filled with flies.

No need to have them if you will come to us and buy a supply of Screen Doors and Wire, and shut out Mr. Fly. We are ready to supply your need in this line!

Equip your cultivator with a good sweep. We have them in all styles.

Hand-made Harness, Collars, Backbands, Trace chains, Bridles, etc.—a full stock.

Most any kind of Hoe, Shovel, or Rake you want, you can find here.

Complete stock of BASEBALL GOODS—Balls, Bats, Gloves, Shoes, Socks, Caps, Masks, Chest Protectors, etc. FISHING TACKLE—Rods, Reels, Lines, Hooks!

Come in and look over these seasonable goods!

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Flint Freeman and Miss Thelma Booth.
Manuel Costellas and Margarita Solis.
Lee Caddell and Miss Myrtle Hill.

The Decatur Twilight baseball league is in the process of formation. The teams are being arranged and play will begin about April 1st. If you want to play in the league, sign up at the San la Roy.

WET FEET BRING COUGHS AND COLDS

Until entirely rid of a cough or cold, look out. They are a source of danger.

Just a few doses of Pe-ru-na taken soon after exposure or first manifestation of trouble will usually break a cold or dissipate in a hurry the most persistent cough.

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STUDY YOURSELF

Study yourself in your morning clothes your afternoon suit, your formal evening clothes, your negligee. Do you look just as you would wish, or is there a certain stiffening of your figure—a premonitory warning of that set, inflexible contour that kills spontaneity, and unexpectedness, and vivacity and—YOUTH?

What of your corset—is that to blame? Perhaps we can tell you something of a gracious, modern form of corsetry that will be invaluable to you. Certainly we can if you have never worn a

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Saturday Sale Easter Hats

My Special Sale on last Saturday was a splendid success, and in appreciation of that fact, I will have another SPECIAL SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

In this sale I am placing a large stock of millinery, comprising the most beautiful and stylish display ever shown in Decatur, on sale at real bargain prices. You will find what you want for every occasion at the price you can afford to pay. The prices run from—

\$1.00 to \$15.00

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MRS. E. B. MELTON

North Side Square

Decatur, Texas.

THE COW IS STAR BOARDER OF FARM

She wants little and pays her landlord a lavish sum. An interesting article on feed production appeared in "Field." The article quotes from the investigations made by Professor Jordan, foremost authority on livestock feeding, and shows that the cow easily ranks first among animals as an economical food producer. The following table shows the relative efficiency of various farm animals in turning farm products into human food:

	Marketable Product	Edible Solids
Cow (Milk).....	139 lbs 18 lbs	15.6 lbs
Pig (Dressed).....	25 lbs 14.8 lbs	9.4 lbs
Cow (Cheese).....	14.8 lbs 8.1 lbs	5.4 lbs
Dressed).....	36.5 lbs 5.4 lbs	5.1 lbs
Butter).....	6.4 lbs 4.2 lbs	3.2 lbs
y (Eggs).....	19.6 lbs 2.8 lbs	2.6 lbs
(Dressed).....	15.6 lbs 2.8 lbs	2.6 lbs
(Dressed).....	9.6 lbs 2.8 lbs	2.6 lbs
(Dressed).....	8.3 lbs 2.8 lbs	2.6 lbs
Lamb.....	7 lbs 2.6 lbs	2.6 lbs

Figures are interesting and affirm what most of us, thru long experience, have felt to be true. No farmer so prosperous as the one who keeps a cow. The prosperity of the sections is constant. There is no doubt worth considering. Production is regular and steady year after year, regardless of weather and conditions. Conditions, of course, affect the dairy farmer's prosperity, but he is not nearly so much at the mercy of them as is the farmer who raises hogs or chickens.

One has said that whenever a cream separator and a silo are on a farm, you can rest assured that the heart of the matter by saying wherever you find good milk you will find farmers who are prospering, and that a farmer who prospers the substantial prosperity comes from keeping good milk cows. It will always be wise enough to provide himself with a good cream separator and a silo. The milk cow is the foundation. The silo and cream separator are necessary parts of the equipment for feeding her and for converting her feed into profits.

The most substantially successful farmers of the world are feeding the entire product of their farms to dairy cows. Manufacturers of cream separators, silos, and milk testers tell us that they find the best markets for their goods in communities where agricultural education and efficiency are developed to the highest point. In backward communities where scrub cows are left to pick an uncertain living from the brush, where there are no silos or cream separators, we find the man who says it does not pay to milk cows.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The state of Texas, county of Wise is hereby given that an election will be held on the 2nd day of April, 1921, at Lucky Ridge school in Opal Ridge common consolidated school district No. 2, of this county, as established by order of the county board of trustees of this county on the 7th day of February, 1921, which is recorded in book 1, page 159 of the record of school districts, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said common school district in the amount of \$2,500.00, the bonds to be of the denomination of \$125.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to twenty both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a public free school building of wood material within said district No. 27, and purchasing a site therefor, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect, annually, while said bonds are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property in said district sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. Any person who are legally qualified to vote in this state and county and who are liable for property taxes in said district, shall be entitled to vote in said election.

Local News

The Mission Study class was entertained at the home of Mrs. Shelby Hoyl last Monday. The hostesses were Meses. S. Hoyl, W. M. Sanders, and M. B. Smith. Thirty members were present.

Messenger has been requested to state that Messrs. Ceero Gettys, Walter Stokes and George Arrington, present high school trustees, will be candidates to succeed themselves in the coming school trustee election. They are good men and will creditably fill the positions.

John T. Skaggs and Miss Gradye Bastain were married last Friday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bastain. These young people are members of prominent families, and prominent among a large number of friends. They will make their home in Hereford.

Saturday only—Seven dozen Mohawk 42x36 pillow cases; three for \$1.00.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

Gus Hughes, manager of the Red Store, accompanied his saleswomen, Misses Taylor, Coleman, and Matheson, and Mrs. Jas. Riddle, to the Wichita Falls style show last Friday. Miss Coleman assisted the Decatur orchestra in furnishing music for the Perkins-Timberlake store during the show.

Elder Crane will return and preach at Oliver school house Friday and Saturday night, and at the church Sunday at 11, and at night. This series of lectures will be based on chapters 8 and 9 of Daniel. This is a most sublime revelation of Christ's work in the closing hours of the judgment. All are invited to attend.

The neighbors of Drew Rhine, who lives south of Decatur, gathered at his home to the number of sixteen yesterday and in one day cleaned Mr. Rhine's crop. Mr. Rhine has been in ill health for some time, and he asks the Messenger to express his thanks to those who have come to his aid in this time of need.

The city election has been called for the first Tuesday in April, which is April 5th next. A mayor, city attorney, and three aldermen are to be elected. Vacancies will appear in wards one, two and three. The aldermen whose terms expire are S. M. Gose of ward one, Howard Man of ward two, and J. H. Lynch of ward three.

The Decatur W. C. T. U. will hold a social meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Williams on Friday afternoon, March 25th, at 3 o'clock. A very interesting and entertaining occasion is anticipated, and the public is invited to attend. Those who attend are urged to bring a free will offering for the benefit of the high school improvement fund.

The first baseball game of the season was played at the college yesterday afternoon when Decatur College defeated the fast Alvord team by the score of 4 to 0. Barnes pitched for the college, going the whole route. Kuykendall was the shining light of the game. With Barnes on, he rapped a home run, and later brought two men in on a hit. Prayer and Dodd pitched for the visiting team.

Supply your needs Saturday—half-dozen 42x36 Mohawk pillow cases for \$2.00.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

The ladies of the city cemetery society are making preparations to stage another membership drive, and if you would assist in the great work these ladies are doing, you are invited to enlist. When solicited, give a dollar and become a member of the society for the year 1921. Help keep the city cemetery in a first-class condition. The date of the drive will be announced in next week's Messenger.

A baseball meeting was held at the San la Roy Friday afternoon at which time a movement was started to organize a good ball team for Decatur during the coming season. Granger Blewett was elected president of the organization, and Roy Heathington manager of the team. A board of directors is to be selected soon. Decatur can have a real ball club if the fans will back up the organization.

A. C. Butler, an employee of Lillard Milling Company, had a very narrow escape from death while working at the mill last Saturday. His overalls caught on a set-screw on a shaft, and he was being drawn into the shaft when he was successful in tearing loose from the screw. One arm was badly bruised in his efforts to free himself. Had Mr. Butler not been of very strong physique, he would undoubtedly have been killed.

The ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Jones was painfully injured Thursday morning at the high school by a fall. The boy was hanging from a piece of timber by his hands when his hold gave way, the back of the boy's head striking another piece of timber. He was carried home and physicians called, but it is yet impossible to know just how serious the injury may be. A large gash was cut in the scalp, and it is feared there may be a fracture of the skull.

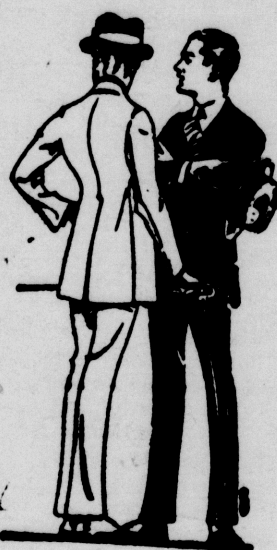
Pillow tubing 40x42 inches, for Saturday's special—30c the yard.—Perkins-Timberlake Company.

H. H. Halsell has traded his Baxter Springs, Kansas, property and his Decatur home place of 700 acres for 5144 acres of rich farming land in Deaf Smith county, near Hereford. O. M. Shore of Hereford, is the man who secured the Decatur home of Mr. Halsell, but he will probably not move to Decatur. Mr. Halsell will continue to reside here until next June. He states that his newly-acquired property at Hereford is the best location for stock he has even seen.

Prices are Interesting the People Now

We realized early last fall that a slump in merchandise was coming, and decided to unload our goods regardless of cash and take our loss, which enabled us to begin the first of the year with practically a new stock of merchandise at about one-half the former price.

To convince you that our prices are right, we will quote you a few of the many REAL VALUES we have to offer!



MEN'S SUITS

We have just received a shipment of men's suits—blue serges and fancy worsteds—priced at.....\$19.50.

In these suits we offer prices and values which cannot be duplicated in this section!

Come and select your spring suit while our lines are complete!

MEN'S ODD TROUSERS

Blue serges, flannels, and worsteds—neatly tailored—eight belt loops, short waists—and very reasonably priced at.....\$3.95, \$4.50, \$5.00, and \$7.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SHOES AND OXFORDS

We have them in all the new lasts and most stylish leathers. Tan English Walkers....\$3.95, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50

MEN'S AND BOYS' WORK SHOES

Compare prices and be convinced! Men's army lasts, former price \$7.50; today's price—\$3.95.

Men's plow shoes—\$2.50, \$3.50

BOY SCOUT SHOES

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LADIES' PUMPS AND OXFORDS



About fifteen different styles to select from! New brogue oxford, wing-tip, military heel—priced at.....\$3.95, \$5.00 and up to \$7.50

Black and brown kid strap pumps—French or military heels, priced at.....\$3.95, \$5.00, \$5.95 and \$6.50

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Decatur, Texas.

REPORT
MONEY GOES
DIRECTOR 75-MILLION
PAIGN TELLS PURPOSES
WHICH MILLIONS GIVEN.
EVERY CAUSE IS BENEFITED

State, Home and Foreign Missions
Christian Education, Hospitals,
Orphanages and Ministerial
Relief Share in Receipts.



DR. L. R. SCARBOROUGH,
Chairman Conservation Commission
Baptist 75-Million Campaign.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who was general director of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, and who was later elected chairman of the Conservation Commission that is seeking to conserve all the interests of that campaign, has issued a report from the Nashville headquarters showing the various interests that have profited from the \$16,851,100.68 collected or campaign pledges up to Dec. 1, 1920. With its receipts of \$2,958,808.07 the Foreign Mission Board has added to its territory five new provinces in China and made the beginning for opening up work in the new fields of Spain, Hungary, Roumania, Jugoslavia, and the Ukraine in Russia; strengthened its work in Syria and Palestine, made a beginning in Eastern Siberia, added 100 new workers to its force of American missionaries in foreign lands, provided new houses of worship, hospitals, schools, publishing plants and other institutions needed in the prosecution of missionary work. What is of even more importance, in the estimation of Secretary Love, is the completion of many missions and undertakings that have been held up for lack of funds.

The Missions Doubles Budget
The reason of the larger receipts from the campaign, the Home Mission Board has been enabled to practically double its annual budget for its work of evangelism, church building, work among the foreigners, Indians and negroes, mountain mission schools, enlistment, and general mission work in Cuba and Panama. The appropriations to evangelism have been practically doubled, those to church building increased between \$600 and 600 per cent, those to the mountain schools, forty in number, 100 per cent, and those to the work of enlisting undeveloped churches, 300 per cent.

In the realm of state missions, which embodies such work as providing missionaries and other special workers for needy fields within the states and aiding weak congregations in the building of houses of worship, the advance made possible by the campaign ranges from 25 to 100 per cent in the eighteen states of the convention territory.

Returns to the Conservation Commission by forty-five of the Baptist institutions of learning which are sharing in the returns from the campaign, show that they have received \$2,713,756 so far. Of this sum, \$1,640,000 has been expended on improvements, \$400,000 has gone to endowment, several hundred thousand dollars in old debts have been wiped out and other improvements are under way.

Ten New Hospitals Provided
Southern Baptists were operating fourteen hospitals when the campaign began, and as a result of the new interest in this work aroused by the campaign ten additional hospitals have been launched. These hospitals have received \$1,111,439.45 from the campaign so far, while local communities in which the hospitals are located have subscribed approximately \$2,000,000 additional. The hospitals have practically \$1,000,000 in improvements under way. The seventeen Baptist orphanages have likewise come in for much larger support as a result of the campaign, their receipts from this source being \$1,018,798.67. As a result of this income the orphanages have been enabled to make improvements valued at \$325,000.

The work of aiding aged preachers is a new one among Southern Baptists as a whole, but as a result of the campaign the Relief and Annuity Board has received \$408,148.82 from that source and \$300,000 from Mr. Rockefeller, Sr.

U. S. TRADE INCREASE

Report Shows Record-Breaking Foreign Business in 1920.

Exports to the Leading Allies in the War Fell Off Sharply, Says Commerce Department.

Washington, D. C.—Increased trade with Germany, South America, the Orient, West Indies and North America accounted in large measure for the record breaking foreign business of the United States in 1920.

A compilation of American exports and imports last year by countries, issued by the department of commerce, shows that exports to Great Britain, France and Italy fell off sharply. Those countries, however, increased their shipments to the United States, as did practically all the other important nations.

American trade with the four principal South American countries—Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay—totalled approximately \$1,044,000,000, as compared with \$917,000,000 in 1919. American exports to these countries increased more than \$100,000,000 during 1920, totalling \$457,000,000, whereas imports from these countries increased only about \$25,000,000, the total being \$587,000,000.

Trade with Germany during the year nearly quadrupled, aggregating \$400,000,000, but fell far short of that before the war. Exports to Germany reached \$311,000,000, against \$89,000,000 the year before, and imports from that country totalled \$92,000,000, as compared with \$10,000,000 the year before.

American trade with Cuba alone in 1920 exceeded \$1,200,000,000, increasing nearly \$500,000,000 when compared with 1919. Exports of \$515,000,000 to the island republic showed an increase of \$247,000,000, while imports of \$721,000,000 from the republic presented an increase of \$303,000,000.

Spain was the only principal European country which increased its purchases of goods in the American market.

SNEEZE, STUDENTS GET GATE

Offenders in Boston School Sent Direct to Physicians for Examination and Treatment.

Boston.—Sneezing in a classroom at Massachusetts Institute of Technology draws the gate for the offender.

Orders from Dr. George W. Morse, head of Tech's new medical department, instructed members of the faculty to send sneezers and coughers directly to the school clinic, where they can be taken care of.

The epidemic of infectious colds, the order says, has brought the doctors to this drastic step. Not only those who give audible evidence of the possession of a cold through a cough or a sneeze, but even those who, perhaps through an over-red nose, apparently are in the grip of the thing are to be sent to Doctor Morse.

CHEROKEES FORGET OLD ROW

Indian Nation Reunited After Split Over Slavery at Time of Civil War.

Talequah, Okla.—Tribal differences dating back to the Civil war, when the powerful Cherokee Indian nation broke into factions over the question of slavery, were wiped out here when several hundred delegates met and unanimously elected Levi Gritts of Muskogee, a full-blood, as principal chief. Levi Cookson, a mixed blood, living near Gore, Okla., was chosen assistant chief.

For the first time in the history of the nation white men, members through intermarriage, sat at the council and voted. Many of them were unable to speak Cherokee and the proceedings frequently were halted while translations were made.

SPEED CRAZE HITS INDIA

Three Cartloads of Motorcycles Arrive at Jellalabad for Dispatch Service.

Bombay.—Life in Afghanistan is speeding up, writes a frontier correspondent of the Times of India.

Three cartloads of motorcycles have recently arrived at Jellalabad for Prince Kasir Jan, the director of communications, who intends to organize a dispatch rider service throughout the country.

Orders have been issued by the Amir's government for contracts to construct macadamized roads through the country to the capital, and for the importation of automobile vehicles. Firms are also invited to establish woolen mills and sugar refineries at Kabul, the capital.

Seeks to Calm Married Life.

Seattle, Wash.—Justice of the Peace C. C. Dalton announced his purpose to establish a court of domestic relations for adjustment of family troubles under the Washington "lazy husband" act and cases of desertion and nonsupport.

It will be the first domestic relations court in Washington.

Mennonites to Settle in Mississippi.

Winnipeg.—An agreement has been concluded between representatives of an American land syndicate and H. M. Klussen, representing Mennonites of Manitoba, Canada, whereby they will purchase 125,000 acres in Mississippi for colonization, a newspaper in Winnipeg announced.

SLIDELL NEWS

J. M. Balthrop and G. T. Jameson visited the Rominger well near Bridgeport Tuesday.

Ona and Lillian Raney from Denton, spent Saturday and Sunday with Tom Watson and family.

Sam Higgs was in Denton Saturday on business.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Morris, on Saturday, March 12, 1921, a daughter.

Everett Wolfenbarger of Sanger, visited W. S. Doyle and family last week.

Floyd Doyle has bought out Tom Watson's interest in the Watson & Son general merchandise business.

County Agent Kemp addressed the farmers of Slidell last Friday night.

Rev. W. F. Burton left this week for his home in West Texas, after an extended visit with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. S. A. Anderson has returned from a two weeks' stay at Glenrose.

Jim Lawson and Tom Balthrop of Marietta, Oklahoma, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mrs. L. M. Atcheson has been dangerously ill in the sanitarium at Gainesville, but at last reports was improving.

The Slidell baseball team defeated the Hickory Plains team last Tuesday in the first game of the season by a score of 10 to 7.

Wheat is doing exceedingly well. No green bugs have as yet appeared.

A large and appreciative house greeted the presentation of "Better Than Gold" last Saturday night at the high school auditorium. The proceeds of the play amounted to \$52.

On Tuesday of this week Superintendent Roe and Miss Hazzard of the state department of education, visited the school on a tour of inspection. They commended the work and spirit of the school and granted the full amount of aid asked for—\$1175.00. This assures Slidell of eight full months of school.

STATEMENT OF M. W. BURCH

The grand jury impaneled for the last term of the district court filed a divided report, six members recommending that the commissioners' court institute proceedings against me to collect the sum of \$304.24, alleging same to be due the county out of my fees collected in the prosecution of delinquent tax suits during the year A. D. 1917, and alleging same to be excess fees; four members filed a dissenting report disagreeing with the above recommendation; one member was absent; and one member present did not vote.

The salary of the county attorney in this county is \$2,500.00 per year, (paid only out of fees earned by him). In addition to the above, he is entitled to one-fourth of all fees in excess of \$2,500.00 until such one-fourth amounts to \$1,250.00, and he is also entitled to necessary and legitimate items of expense.

Article 3893 of Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, which is our latest civil statute, provides that: "the fees allowed by law to the district and county clerks, county attorneys, and tax collectors in suits to collect taxes, shall be in addition to the maximum salaries fixed by this chapter." And there has never been an express repeal of this provision.

At the time of the prosecution and collection of said tax suits, it was my impression that the law did not require me to report fees collected in tax suits as fees of office, and I am still of that opinion, which opinion is shared by other good lawyers with whom I have consulted. If, however, the courts should construe the law that fees collected in delinquent tax suits should be reported, I still do not owe the county one penny under the facts, as shown by the following order of the present commissioners' court, which was entered by them at its last regular session.

The Court's Order
"Acting upon a report of a majority of the grand jury, recently made to Judge F. O. McKinsey, in which it is recommended that the commissioners' court take action against M. W. Burch, ex-county attorney, to recover certain fees of office alleged to have been erroneously withheld by him during the year 1917, the court makes this its order as its findings in the case:

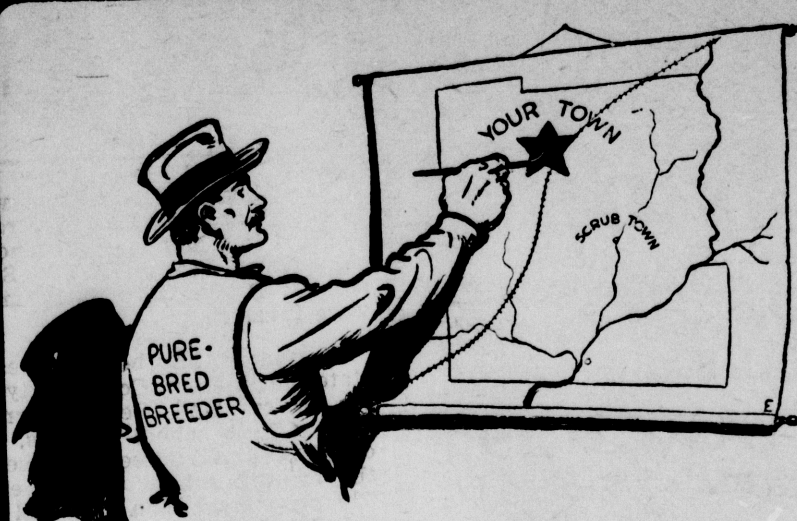
"It was shown to the court that the said M. W. Burch received \$814.50 in fees during the year 1917 in excess of his salary of \$2,500.00. Of this \$814.50 he was allowed by law to retain one-fourth, or \$203.60, leaving a balance of \$610.90.

"It was further shown that for the year in question expenses were incurred in the conduct of that office amounting to \$636.00.

"The question for the court to determine, is whether or not these items of expense were necessary and legal, at the time they were incurred, and if all said items were not accounted for at the proper time and in the proper manner; if such were not accounted for, has the said Burch the right to have credit for the same now?

"So far as this court can determine, these items were necessary and legal, and as such we believe that the said Burch had at that time, and has now, the right to receive proper credit for all such items of expenses as have been brought to the attention of the court, and, so, the case is dismissed without further order."

The above order is made and published that my friends who honored me with a public office may know that I have been true to their trust. My fees were approximately \$5.00 in each case, and for abstracting work tax suit, and for abstracting work and clerical assistance in determining the actual or record owner of the land, I paid an assistant one-half of my fees so collected, thereby saving the county hundreds of dollars in useless citation by publication. Respectfully submitted,



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A few miles from a large and thriving city is a little town that can't even be reached by the steam railroads. Yet on a single day last summer enthusiastic buyers from almost every state in the Union sought it out and paid it a visit. What's more, on that single day they spent, in that little hamlet, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars!

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on 2nd day of April, A. D. 1921, at Lucky Ridge school house in Opal Ridge common consolidated school district No. 27, of this county, as established by order of the county board of trustees of this county, of date the 7th day of February, 1921, which is recorded in book 1, page 159 of the record of school districts, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpayers voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the state school fund apportioned to said district, and to determine whether the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this state and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the county judge of this county by order made on the 8th day of March, 1921, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 8th day of March, 1921. J. M. ALONE, Sheriff of Wise (11-13)

"THEY SAID I HAD T. B. AND WOULD NOT LIVE THREE MONTHS"



Mr. Harold W. Schmidt, Box 88, Breese, Clinton Co., Ill., believes he has reason to praise Dr. Hartman's Remedy for Catarrhal conditions.

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